What is claimed is:

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- 1. An optical ferrule wherein a concave portion (17c) in which a gate (G) in resin molding is disposed is formed in a body (11).
- 2. The optical ferrule according to claim 1, wherein in said ferrule body (11), there are formed an optical fiber insertion opening portion (2) for inserting an optical fiber therein, an optical fiber insertion hole (3) opened in a connector connecting end face (6), the optical fiber insertion hole (3) inserting said optical fiber therein and positioning said optical fiber, and a guide pin hole (4) for inserting a guide pin (22) therein, the guide pin (22) positioning said ferrule bodies (11).
- 3. The optical ferrule according to claim 2, wherein a flange portion (17) protruding from an external periphery surface of said ferrule body to the outside is provided in a rear end portion opposite to said connector connecting end face, and said concave portion is formed in an external surface of said flange portion.
- 4. The optical ferrule according to claim 3, wherein said flange portion has a rectangular shape when viewed from said rear end portion toward said connector connecting end face, and said concave portion is formed in each of right and left side surfaces (17a) of the external periphery surface of said flange portion or in any one of the right and left side surfaces thereof.
- 5. The optical ferrule according to claim 4, wherein said concave portion is formed so as to extend from said side surface to a rear end corner portion.
- 6. The optical ferrule according to claim 5, wherein a linear dimension (s) of said flange portion obtained by excluding said concave portion is set to 0.3 mm or more.
- 7. The optical ferrule according to claim 4, wherein said concave portion is formed between both corner portions (17m, 17n) of said side surface.
- 8. The optical ferrule according to claim 4, wherein said concave portion is formed in a groove shape extending over the whole length of said flange portion in a connector connecting direction.

9. The optical ferrule according to claim 3, wherein said flange portion has a rectangular shape when viewed from said rear end portion toward said connector connecting end face, and said concave portion is formed in each of upper and lower side surfaces (17a) of the external periphery surface of said flange portion or in any one of the upper and lower side surfaces thereof.

10. The optical ferrule according to claim 9, wherein said concave portion is formed in a groove shape extending over the whole length of said flange portion along a connector connecting direction.

11. An optical februle wherein a concave portion (17c) related to a material of a ferrule body (11) and confirmation factors such as sorts of an optical fiber built in said ferrule body is formed.

12. The optical ferrule according to claim 11, wherein said concave portion is formed in a flange portion (17) of said ferrule body, and a gate (G) in resin molding is disposed in said concave portion.

13. The optical ferrule according to claim 11, wherein said concave portion is formed at a portion other than the flange portion.

14. An optical connector using the optical ferrule according to any one of claims 1 to 13.

15. A method of molding an optical ferrule wherein used is a metal mold (20) in which a concave portion (17c), where a gate (G) in resin molding is disposed, is formed in a ferrule body (11), and resin is injected from said gate.

16. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 15, wherein in said ferrule body (11) molded is said optical ferrule in which an optical fiber insertion opening portion (2) for inserting an optical fiber therein, an optical fiber insertion hole (3) opened in a connector connecting end face (6), the optical fiber insertion hole (3) inserting said optical fiber therein and positioning said optical fiber, and a guide pin hole (4) for inserting a guide pin (22) therein, the guide pin (22) positioning said ferrule bodies (11).

17. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 16, wherein by said metal



mold, a flange portion (17) disposed at a rear end portion opposite to said connector connecting end face, the flange portion (17) being formed so as to protrude from an external periphery surface of said ferrule body to the outside; and said concave portion disposed in an external periphery surface of said flange portion are molded.

- 18. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 17, wherein by said metal mold, said flange portion is molded to a shape taking a rectangular shape when viewed from said rear end portion toward said connector connecting end face, and said concave portion is molded in each of right and left side surfaces (17a) of the external periphery surface of said flange portion or in any one of the right and left side surfaces thereof.
- 19. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 18, wherein by said metal mold, said concave portion is formed so as to extend from said side surface to said rear end corner portion.
- 20. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 19, wherein by said metal mold, a linear dimension (s) of said flange portion obtained by excluding said concave portion is molded to 0.3 mm or more.
- 21. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 18, wherein by said metal mold, said concave portion is molded between both corner portions (17m, 17n) of said side surface.
- 22. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 18, wherein by said metal mold, said concave portion is formed to a groove shape extending over the whole length of said flange portion in a connector connecting direction.
- 23. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 17, wherein by said metal mold, said flange portion is molded so as to take a rectangular shape when viewed from said rear end portion toward said connector connecting end face, and said concave portion is molded in each of upper and lower side surfaces of the external periphery surface of said flange portion or in any one of the upper and lower side surfaces thereof.
- 24. The method of molding an optical ferrule according to claim 23, wherein by said metal

mold, said concave portion is formed in a groove shape extending over the whole length of said flange portion along a connector connecting direction.